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SUBJ: GON MAY POSTPONE NEPTUNE REPLACEMENT

1. DUTCH NEWSPAPER "VOLKSKRANT" REPORTS SEPT 7 THAT BUDGET-ARY STRINGENCIES WILL REQUIRE GON TO POSTPONE REPLACEMENT OF NEPTUNE MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT UNTIL 1980. NEPTUNE REPLACEMENT WAS PUT OFF LAST YEAR, BUT GON CAME UP WITH MONEY TO KEEP THEM FLYING. QUESTION WHETHER NEPTUNES WILL CONTINUE

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IN SERVICE UNTIL 1980 IS NOT ADDRESSED IN "VOLKSKRANT" ARTICLE.

2. NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTS THAT THE BUDGETARY PRESSURES HAVE AGAIN CONVINCED MOD THAT NATO MUST MOVE IN DIRECTION OF SHARING DEFENSIVE TASKS. "TASK DISTRIBUTION," ALONG WITH STANDARDIZATION, HAS BEEN A CONTINUING GOAL OF DUTCH DEFENSE MINISTER VREDELING. "VOLKSKRANT" SAYS THAT MOD BELIEVES IT IMPERATIVE THAT DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT BE OPENED WITH NATO PARTNERS IMMEDIATELY.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE, WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, TOLD US THAT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT SEEMS TO BE BASED ON LEAK. BUDGET IS TO BE RELEASED SEPT 21 WHEN QUEEN OPENS PARLIAMENT. GOULD

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